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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 397  
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A RESOLUTION to urge the proper display of the Tennessee  
state flag.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1796, the United States Congress approved the admission of  
Tennessee as the sixteenth state of the Union; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, the proud people of this great state have played a  
significant role in the development of our country, as Tennessee earned the nickname of the  
“Volunteer State” because of our important role in America’s wars of expansion; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are equally proud of their state’s diversity, as each of the  
three regions, West Tennessee, Middle Tennessee and East Tennessee, have a geographical  
and cultural uniqueness all their own; and

WHEREAS, this diversity inspired LeRoy Reeves of the Third Regiment, Tennessee  
Infantry, to design a state flag that incorporated Tennessee’s three distinct regions through his  
inclusion of three white stars in a circular blue field appearing in the center of the flag; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1905 directed that “the arrangement of the three  
stars shall be such that the centers of no two stars shall be in a line parallel to either the side or  
end of the flag but intermediate between same; and the highest star shall be the one nearest the  
upper confined corner of the flag”; and

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WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of this legislative body to ensure the continued integrity of our state flag and ensure that Tennesseans properly display this symbol of our proud history as provided for in state law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby urge manufacturers of Tennessee flags to include instructions for properly displaying of the Tennessee flag, in accordance with Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1905.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all county and municipal governments are hereby strongly urged to fly the Tennessee flag at all locations where the United States flag is currently flown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.